SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PEOPLE

Alfred H. Smith, New Head of the New York Central.



From laborer in the construction gang to head of a great railway system is the story of Alferd H. Smith. new president of the New York Central railroad. He is the third in succession of New York Central presidents to rise from the lowest grade to the highest. All three of these men come from the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad. First of the trio was William H. Newman, who was succeeded by William C. Brown. who, in turn, has retired.

When a boy of fourteen young Smith went to work as a messenger in the Lake Shore offices at Cleveland. After that he worked in the purchasing agent's office; but, having a liking for the mechanical branches of railroading, he resigned his clerkship and took a job in one of the construction gangs. He worked as a laborer for several years, becoming general foreman of construction work. In 1890 Mr. Smith was made superintendent of the Kalamazoo division and eleven years later had reached the position of general superintendent of the Lake Shore. A year later he was transferred to the New York Central system as general superintendent and in 1906 was made vice president and general manager. Last March Mr. Smith became senior vice president of the New York Central lines. He is also president of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. President Smith is in his fiftleth

Winslow of the Navy.

In naval circles at Washington the opinion prevails that Rear Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow will command the Atlantic fleet on its passage through the Panama canal when the great waterway is opened to the world's commerce in 1915. Until h hauled down his flag a few weeks ago Rear Admiral Winslow was second in command to Rear Admiral Badger, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet. Early in the year Admiral Badger is to retire, and gossip has it that Winslow will succeed him.

Rear Admiral Winslow is very popular in the navy. He is noted as a navigator and his service with the Atlantic fleet outdates that of any other



REAR ADMIRAL C. M'R. WINSLOW

flag officer connected with it. He was born in Washington in 1854 and is the nephew of the late Admiral John A. Winslow, the famous commander of the old Kearsarge when that ship sank the Confederate cruiser Alabama off the French coast. He is a graduate of Annapolis of the class of 1875 and will arrive at the retiring age in 1916. In 1898, in the Spanish war, Admiral then lieutenant, Winslow led the little party that cut the cables off Cien fuegos, Cuba, in order that the Spanish forces might have no communica tion with Madrid. The cutting of the cables was done in the face of a ter rific fire from the Spanlards on shore and by many has been termed the bravest act of that war. For his services on that occasion he was advanced five numbers in grade. He was attached to the White House staff as naval aid in the second Roosevelt administration. Mrs. Winslow is a daughter of the late Henry O. Havemeyer of New York city.

Washington's Career.

George Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732, in Westmoreland county, Va. His father, Augustine Washington, was a planter. George Washington went to school until he was sixteen years old. He became a surveyor. At the age of nineteen he was made adjutant of Virginia troops. Two years later he was made commander of a military district of Virginia. The following year he was sent on a mission to the French beyond the Allegheny river. His first battle was with the French in 1754. He was lieutenant colonel at that time and defended Fort Necessity.

a 1755 and commanded on the frontier till 1757. In January, 1759, he married Martha Custis and settled as a planter at Mount Vernon. He was appointed commander in chief of the Continental forces June 15, 1775. He reached Cambridge June 2 and com-pelled the evacuation of Boston March 17, 1776. In the war of the Revolution he was defeated at Long Island. at White Plains, at Brandywine and Germantown. He won glorious victories at Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth and Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered. He was inaugurated first president of the United States April 30, 1789. He was re-elected in 1793 and served until 1797. He died at Mount Vernon Dec. 14, 1799.

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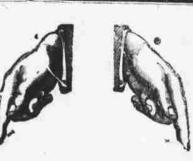
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